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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Eric P. Plourde et al.

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For: **VARIABLE ALIGNMENT ZIPPER FOR RECLOSABLE BAGS**

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of November 12, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 12, 2004

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